

**Key stage 1  
spellings by  
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2026**

|        | National Curriculum PoS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |    | Words so far                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| Year 1 | S1 - the sounds /f/, /ll/, /s/, /z/ and /k/ spelt ff, ll, ss, zz and ck                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 8  | stuff, shell, fuss, puzzle, pack, puff, tall, bell                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|        | S2 - the /ŋ/ sound spelt n before k                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 4  | plank, drank, think, bank                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|        | S3 -tch                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 4  | match, pitch, switch, catches                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|        | S4 - the /v/ sound at the end of words                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 12 | glove, drive, above, cave, gave, wave, five, dive, move, live, save, active                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|        | S5 - adding -s and -es to words (plural of nouns and the third-person singular of verbs)                                                                                                                                                                                          | 8  | rides, bounces, grapes, boxes, dishes, lunches, catches, roots                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|        | S6 adding the endings -ing, -ed and -er to verbs where no change is needed in the root word                                                                                                                                                                                       | 6  | working (Y2), helping, fixed, worked(Y2), asked, warmest (Y2)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|        | S7 - adding -er and -est to adjectives where no change is needed in the root word                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 4  | stronger, longest, coldest, shortest                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|        | S8 - vowel digraphs and trigraphs: ai, oi, ay, oy, a-e, e-e, i-e, o-e, u-e, ar, ee, ea (/i:/), ea (/ɛ/), er (/ɜ:/), er (/ə/), ir, ur, oo (/u:/), oo (/ʊ/), oa, oe, ou, ow (/aʊ/), ow (/əʊ/), ue, ew, ie (/aɪ/), ie (/i:/), igh, or, ore, aw, au, air, ear, ear (/ɛə/), are (/ɛə/) | 53 | again, cage(Y2), cave, grapes, gave, space(Y2), wave, later(Y2), pancakes, save, lake, place, wheel, keep, sea, seat, bike, drive, dice (Y2), mice(Y2), pie, five, dive, right, rice (Y2), live, knife, boat, goat, wrote, bounces, mouth, ground, found, loudly(Y2), south, garden, treasure(Y2), bread, ladder, brother, stronger, dirtiest(Y2), turkey(Y2), bathroom, footprint, hair, pear, ears, hear, normal (Y2), roots, shortest |
|        | S9 - words ending in -y (/i:/ or /ɪ/)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 5  | baby, funny, hurry, sorry, lady                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|        | S10 - new consonant spellings ph and wh                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 6  | phone, dolphin, photo, phonics wheel, why                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|        | S11 - using k for the /k/ sound                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 4  | skin, keep, skill, skip                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|        | S12 - compound words                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 3  | bathroom, footprint, pancakes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|        | S13 - the days of the week                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 3  | Thursday, Tuesday, Monday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Year 2 | S14 - the /dʒ/ sound spelt as -ge and -dge at the end of words, and sometimes spelt as g elsewhere in words before e, i and y                                                                                                                                                     | 4  | cage, change edge, fudge                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|        | S15 - the /s/ sound spelt c before e, i and y                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 11 | bounces, office, dancing, dice, mice, space, raced, dance, rice, city, place                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|        | S16 - the /n/ sound spelt kn- and (less often) gn- at the beginning of words                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 3  | know, knit, knife                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|        | S17 - the /r/ sound spelt wr at the beginning of words                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 3  | wrong, wrist, wrote                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|        | S18 - the /ll/ or /əll/ sound spelt -le at the end of words                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 4  | gentle, puzzle, uncle, ankle                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|        | S19 - the /ll/ or /əll/ sound spelt -el at the end of words                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 2  | travel, gravel                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|        | S20 - the /ll/ or /əll/ sound spelt -al at the end of words                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 6  | final, local, metal, hospital, usual, normal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|        | S21 - words ending in -il                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1  | fossil                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|        | S22 - the /aɪ/ sound spelt -y at the end of words                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 5  | sky, spy, why, shy, fry                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|        | S23 - adding -es to nouns and verbs ending in -y                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 3  | stories, parties, hurries                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|        | S24 - adding -ed, -ing, -er and -est to a root word ending in -y with a consonant before it                                                                                                                                                                                       | 5  | flying, easier, funniest, dirtiest, tried                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|        | S25 - adding the endings -ing, -ed, -er, -est and -y to words ending in -e with a consonant before it                                                                                                                                                                             | 7  | dancing, closed, raced, biker, later, lazy, scary, wider                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|        | S26 - adding -ing, -ed, -er, -est and -y to words of one syllable ending in a single consonant letter after a single vowel letter                                                                                                                                                 | 5  | clapped, swimmer, hottest, biggest, hopping                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|        | S27 - the /ɔ:/ sound spelt a before l and ll                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 7  | talk, small, fall, wall, also, walk, called                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|        | S28 - the /ʌ/ sound spelt o                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 7  | glove, above, brother, front, other, cover, another                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|        | S29 - the /i:/ sound spelt -ey                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 4  | money, turkey, chimney, monkey                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|        | S30 - the /ɒ/ sound spelt a after w and qu                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 4  | wash, swan, want, squash                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|        | S31 - the /ɜ:/ sound spelt or after w                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 3  | working, worm, worth                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|        | S32 - the /ɔ:/ sound spelt ar after w                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 2  | warm, warmest                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|        | S33 - the /ɜ/ sound spelt s                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 2  | treasure, usual                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|        | S34 - the suffixes -ment, -ness, -ful, -less and -ly                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 3  | useless, loudly, fitness                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|        | S35 - words ending in -tion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 4  | station, fraction, fiction, option                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|        | S36 - homophones and near-homophones                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 10 | pear, know, right, sea, hair, bread, buy, knit, hear, won                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

10+words tested over the eight years

7-9 words tested over the eight years

6 or less words tested over the eight years

### **Common exception words tested – S37**

**Year 1** - a, all, are, ask, asked, be, by, come, do, friend, full, go, has, he, here, house, I, is, love, me, my, no, of, once, one, our, pull, push, put, said, says, school, she, so, some, they, there, to, today, was, we, were, where, you, your

**Year 2** - after, **again**, any, bath, **beautiful**, because, behind, both, break, busy, child, children, Christmas, class, climb, clothes, **cold**, could, door, even, every, everybody, **eye**, fast, father, find, floor, gold, grass, great, half, hold, hour, improve, kind, last, **many**, mind, **money**, most, **move**, Mr, Mrs, old, only, parents, pass, past, path, people, plant, poor, **pretty**, prove, should, steak, sugar, sure, told, water, who, whole, wild, would